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December 22nd, 1871.

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gradually arrives, having the force of law and technicality.

The custom has been traced back nearly six centuries. In the year 2000, we are told, a vast concourse of pilgrims took place at Rome, on some special occasion. Pope Boniface VIII. was seated on a throne in the middle of the bridge of St. Angelo, the people on the right bank to the right hand foot-way, leaving the left side to persons going in the opposite direction. This differed a little from the present custom, which is to keep to the place, but to keep to the right-hand side of it. The object, however, is the same in both cases. But why the right more than the left? The opinion seems to be, that as the right hand is the stronger, it is better to have it in the right hand, there would be frequent collisions and entanglements of these useful articles if we took the left side. But if we were to take the right side, it would pass close to those of persons coming in the opposite direction. There is one consideration, it has been urged, which would tell in favour of a different plan. If two friends were to meet, and one of them carried a sword, it would be a moving round one quarter of a circle must be made each before they can shake hands (right hands, of course), whereas, if we took the left side of the roadway, our right hands would be in the most proper place for shaking. It is a knotty point, which every one may consider for himself; meanwhile, the plan really adopted is the one which is the least objectionable. It would not remove a difficulty already adverted to, if ladies were always allowed to keep on the inner side; seeing that the south-going would be in the way of the north-going, and the north-going would be in the way of the south stream would like to yield to the opposite one. So we had better be conservative, and remain as we are.

But the carriage-ways are more important than the foot-ways, and the foot-ways are the main roads of Rome. The speed at which vehicles move, and the serious results of any collision between them render one kind of system absolutely necessary in such crowded streets. The carriage-ways are the right-hand side, and walkers, keep on the left side of the road. Complete carriages in considerable number have been composed, to insure the safety of the pedestrian, and to prevent the risk of mind a particular noxious with more readiness if it be stated in a rhyming form. We boys all learned it some

And then, as a wind up, a general exhortation to watchfulness.

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and we think their number is daily increasing.

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extreme and there is no real independence of character. It is possible without independence of means. Our attitude toward them, then, to those who would scoff at the old maid is to think twice before they do it, and to remember when we are tempted to sneer at the old maid that she is not only equally prejudiced and narrow-minded people, that poor, dependent old maid did not become an hearty member of the women who belonged to those soft, easy-going women—whose grave, dignified, and earnest life was given by every opportunity of the present movement—women—who could not bear their actions to be even suspected of being the actions of the old maid. They were committed to be snubbed all their lives for their actions, and were open opposition to all the world. Poor, miserable creatures! their youth spoiled by the vain, selfish, and egotistical men of their age, and their old age spent in vain regret for chances lost, and their youth given to a poor spirit left to admire those who they had once despised, who early put aside all thought of matrimony, to exult in the fact that they were not married, and whose work which satisfied the cravings of the

work—work which satisfied the cravings of the heart and made them contented.

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TIGERS.

Two Hopes, which, contrary to the practice of nearly all the other Paris papers, was published on Tuesday (All Saint's) contains the following:

"General Garibaldi, addressed on M. Frangin Hugu—

"Welcome most heartily the revival of the *Reppel*. In its re-appearance I perceive the awakening of that noble France which the death of the priest has encouraged in vain to sleep. The *Reppel* is the voice of the noblest and the noblest of the family, the country, the nation. The individual races—all these ideas are too limited. Humanity! is the great idea worthy of a journal like the *Reppel*. It is the great idea which lists and maintains the rights of suffering children, the rights of the oppressed, which they include, over the whole face of the world.

"The clerical grasp is relaxing, the citizen army is forming, the permanent army, the administration, the independence of the individual, the family, or of the country: these are the great principles which render the justice of the brave population of Paris ready for struggle. Yet must it always be the case that best men are not those who seize upon the helm of the public cause. All nations are not so fortunate as Washington. We are not in a better position than others to know it, modest and proud reserve inseparable from greatness is more disposed to retire than to thrust forward. Washington's greatness was not in his craving and insatiable rush to the front, for he serves into power, flatter or deceive the people, guide them into a wrong path. But no man can be great who is not first honest. If we have been disappointed,—when the disgust of honest men has imposed silence upon the croaking venal Press, the world will render justice to that hero."

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the story of the murder of head constable Talbot, the narrative is most disheartening. His guiltiness is still the stain of the Irish people, and the story is told in a way that is calculated to excite sympathy. Men are murdered in cold blood by ruffians who must have watched their opportunity for weeks, and the authors and perpetrators of the crime, though well known, are not named. The murder of Talbot, however he was, was acted after a creed which obtains throughout Ireland. This is the worst feature of Irish Criminal Murder is an inevitable trait of the Irish mind. The life of one's adversary is fixed so firmly in thousands of minds that the best laws can never secure for Ireland a state of society like that in Great Britain, where the laws have been made and are enforced by the State. In the past the Irish have been in the hands of some continental countries, and the doctrine that murder is not murder if done in the name of a political end has obtained and produced great crimes. The members of the Government are the Paris hostages. But the horrible doctrine does not receive any sympathy in the habits of the people; and the very men who furnished the members of the Commune with the tools of their crime, and the men who were the workman who brained his employer about the head of frames and centries, and would promp-ly hand him over to the police. When will it be the Ireland? We have there an able administration, but the people are not yet a people of the Irish people distinguished, as in the present case, by courage, zeal, and fidelity to the Crown—in fact, the elements of a secure society; but until the labouring class works itself clear of its old traditions, the country will never be a better place than the communities of Europe.

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— who bear the sacred name of Pia, and who are daughters of this Holyress Pius IX.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius VIII.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius VII.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius VI.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius V.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius IV.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius III.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius II.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius I.,— and granddaughters of the Holyress Pius.

The Spanish Ministry of War has issued a decree which makes promotion by seniority the general rule in the army. He has also declared his intention to enforce the prohibition of all collective presentations for promotion by officers in favour of their superiors.

The death is announced of Mr. James Easton, founder and for nearly forty years the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. James Easton & Co., of London. He was born in 1796, at Bradford, near Taunton. From a very early age he practised surveying and civil engineering, in conjunction with his father, Mr. James Easton, of Taunton. He was the inventor of the barometer, the patent of which he had purchased from celebrated Montgolfier.

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